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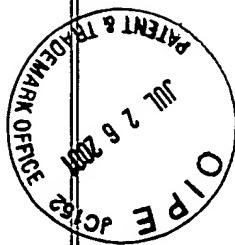
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) #4
Ara HOVANESSIAN et al.)
Serial No.: 09/825,886) Group Art Unit: 1645
Filed: April 5, 2001) Examiner: R. Zeman
For: A NOVEL CELL SURFACE)
RECEPTOR FOR HIV)
RETROVIRUSES, THERAPEUTIC)
AND DIAGNOSTIC USES)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
REQUEST UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e)

Prior to the examination of this continuation application, Applicants request that the Office amend the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

After page 194, please insert the enclosed abstract page which reads:

This invention provides a protein complex receptor for HIV retroviruses, namely the "V3 loop HIV receptor", which consists of three associated proteins: P95/nucleolin, P40/PHAPII, and P30/PHAPI. The receptor binds to the envelope protein of the HIV virus, specifically to the V3 loop of the envelope protein.

REMARKS

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, requesting an abstract in this application, Applicants have submitted an abstract describing the